



# The Magi

December 4, 2016

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GENEROSITY PROJECTS • GRATITUDE SUNDAY • NO CHURCH CHRISTMAS DAY • PRAY  
CHRISTMAS IS FOR EVERYWHO... JESUS CAME FOR WHOS LIKE YOU • SEUSS CALLED US WHOS  
IF YOU ARE A WHO, THE STORY'S FOR YOU

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### Story 1: The **STAR**

WE MADE IT A MIRACLE STORY • MOVING STAR • BUT THESE MAGI INTERPRETED AN OMEN!  
DEUTERONOMY 18:10-12 • JUST A BUNCH OF ZOROASTRIAN PRIESTS • SPOKE LANGUAGE OF STARS  
~~ GOD PUT THAT STAR IN THE SKY FOR THEM TO SEE. ~~

God speaks the **LANGUAGE** of  
those who would **LISTEN**.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE DISTANT FROM GOD... • ARE YOU DISTANT?

### Story 2: The **WORSHIP**

CONTRAST BETWEEN MAGI AND KING HEROD  
THEY SEE A STAR AND TRAVEL 1000 MILES, HE HAS PROPHETS AND WON'T GO SIX!  
THE JEWISH PEOPLE KNEW THE ANSWERS BUT DIDN'T HEAR THE VOICE

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### Story 3: The **GIFTS**

PROBABLY NOT THREE GIFTS BUT THREE TYPES • GOLD ⇒ KING, INCENSE ⇒ PRIEST, MYRRH!!  
YOU DON'T BRING FORMALDEHYDE TO A BABY SHOWER! THAT'S MORBID!  
A LIVING PARABLE: THEY SAW THE STAR, HONORED THE KING, AND LIVED OUT A METAPHOR

Jesus came to be **KING, PRIEST**, and  
**SACRIFICE** for anyone, no matter **WHO**.

JOHN 3:16 • ARE YOU LISTENING?

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